REMARKS

Claims 1-8 and 10-17 are pending. Claims 42 through 45 were presented in the previous response filed on 12/10/2007. New claim 46 is added and is supported by Figures 3A and 3B and paragraphs 54 through 56 of the originally filed specification. New claim 47 is added and is supported by paragraph 13. Claims 1-8 and 10 -17 stand rejected. Applicant respectfully traverses the rejections and requests a withdrawal of all rejections as set forth below.

In the Office Action dated March, 19, 2008, errors in the drawings/specification were noted. Applicant has corrected the drawings and specification in accordance with the foregoing amendments and the replacement drawing filed herewith.

The Examiner indicated the claims are believed to be amended to a non-elected species. The previously presented amendment to claim 1 recites "an electrical stimulus to the tissue site is delivered through the at least one electrode and the probe." This amendment is drawn from Figure 3 (the elected species) and is clearly discussed paragraphs 62-63 with reference to Figure 3.

Claims 1-6, 8, 10, 12-13 and 15-17 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Epstein (U.S. 6,835,193) and Haim (6.309,370). Claim 1 recites "at least one electrode coupled to the catheter to detect contact between the catheter and the tissue site; and an electrical stimulus to the tissue site is delivered through the at least one electrode and the probe." As set forth in the previous response, neither Haim nor Epstein teach an electrical stimulus to the tissue site is delivered through the at least one electrode and the probe.

Claims 7, 11 and 14 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Haim (6,309,370) (or Epstein) in view of Mulier (U.S. 5,807,395). Mulier can deliver cardiac pacing pulses through a hollow helical electrode located at the distal end of a catheter and coupled to an internal tube for delivering a conductive fluid. However, the combination of Haim (or Epstein) and Mulier remains deficient in teaching an electrical stimulus delivered to the

tissue site through the at least one electrode coupled to the catheter and the probe.

Applicant respectfully asserts that the present claims are in condition for allowance. Withdrawal of the instant rejections and issuance of a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

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